Glenn Church Welcomes You

Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church is committed to loving God and loving neighbor with our whole selves - heart, mind, soul, and strength. As Jesus loved those around him, we believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, education, politics, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

Online Bible Study with the Pastors

Thursdays, 11:30 AM, beginning September 9th via Zoom. Join with the Glenn pastors as we move through the letters of Paul in the New Testament – picking up in 2nd Corinthians after our summer break. We will read through at our own pace, taking a look at the flow of Paul's thoughts and themes as he lays out for us the Good News of Christ and how God's grace our lives and our life together. Weekly "attendance" not required – join us anytime your schedule allows for discussion and reflection on the Scriptures. RSVP for the Zoom link with Rev. Susan Pinson.

AIDS Walk Atlanta. Saturday, September 25th.

For 30 years, AIDS Walk Atlanta has helped our community raise vital funds to support local HIV and AIDS organizations. We are inviting Glenn Church to join team AID Atlanta for the 30th annual AIDS Walk Atlanta to raise funds, and raise awareness. The walk will be in person on Saturday, September 25th in Piedmont Park. Fundraising for team AID Atlanta is still immensely helpful to the community, even if you choose not to walk in person. Please email Robin Olson at Robin.Elizabeth.Martin@gmail.com for more information about joining team AID Atlanta.

Glenn Hoops Returns!

Have you missed Glenn Hoops? Lucky for you, we are back once again! We are currently working towards a fun yet safe season. Stay tuned on how you can register to play this upcoming season! For

questions or more information, email our recreation director, Greer Corbett at gcorbett@glennumc.org

Women's Night In! Tuesday, September 28, 7:00 PM

Join with Glenn women of all ages & stages for conversations around Mary Katherine Backstrom's book Holy Hot Mess (though reading the book is not required!). Hosted at the home of Cheryl Griffin (in a large screened porch). Come as you are - straight from work, the gym, or the carpool shuffle! Light refreshments served. For more info, directions, and to RSVP or for more info, contact Rev. Susan Pinson.

Pride Evening Prayer, Sunday, October 3, 5:00 PM

Join us as we celebrate Pride Month and give thanks for the broad and beautiful diversity of people in this community as we join together to worship in prayer, word, and song on October 3rd at 5pm in the Glenn Sanctuary. The music, liturgy, and preaching will represent the many varied and important LGBTQIA+ voices from the current day and those who have gone before. The offering taken that day will also go to the Reconciling Ministries Network to continue the important work of advocating for full and equal rights for all persons in the Kin[g]dom of God.

Connect with us

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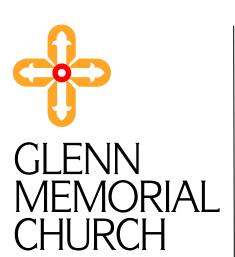
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We also maintain a church-wide calendar on our website and are active on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.





A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Register your attendance online or in the attendance pad at the end of the pew. We will use contact information in case of the need for contact tracing for COVID-19. Thank you for continuing to support public health protocols of masking and distancing.



The Worship of God

September 12, 2021 8:30 a.m.

* Please stand as you are able You are welcome to join in with the **bold** text

We Gather -

Prelude | Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Franklin Ashdown

WORDS OF WELCOME

The Rev. Mark Westmoreland

*Passing of the Peace

*Call to Worship

Rev. Westmoreland and Congregation

One: We are gathered together in this sacred space to worship God

ALL: whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

One: Come into this holy place to worship God

ALL: whose essence is light; whose commandment is clear; whose love is true.

One: Come with holy curiosity – to be given life, and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your spirit opened wide. Come — let us worship God.

ALL: Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | UMH #89

Hymn To Joy

God Speaks—

*The Scripture Lesson | Psalm 19

¹ The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. ⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. ¹³ Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

May God bless the reading of the Word. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON | Poetry and Order in Our Days

Rev. Westmoreland

We Respond-

*Hymn | This is My Maker's World

Terra Beata

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Mother's world: the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Mother's world: She shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Her pass; She speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Maker's world: O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Maker's world: why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King, let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Affirmation of Faith | The Apostle's Creed

All

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Susan Pinson

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Offertory | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Brenda Portman

*Doxology | Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH #95

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Invitation

Rev. Westmoreland

—We Go Forth

*Closing Hymn | God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens | UMH #150

Holy Manna

*Benediction Rev. Westmoreland

Postlude | Toccata in C Johann Pachelbel

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